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The Honorable George Bush
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Dear Mr. President:

As Co-Chairmen of the bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus, we have watched with great interest the developments in the human rights situation in the Soviet Union. We are most encouraged by the progress that has been made.

We are also pleased that you once again will be meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev. The importance of an ongoing dialogue between our two countries cannot be overstated.

While we applaud the openness to Soviet history which *Glasnost* has brought, one very important case remains unresolved -- that of Raoul Wallenberg. The truth about this hero of the Holocaust has not yet been told.

All mankind owes a great debt to Wallenberg, not only for the 100,000 lives he saved in Budapest during World War II, but also for the hope and example he gave us as to how one man with the courage to care, even in history's darkest hour, can become a beacon of light and make a difference.

We as Americans have an even greater responsibility and right to work on Wallenberg's behalf. Although a Swede, Wallenberg went to Budapest in 1944 with the encouragement of and some financing from the U.S. War Refugee Board. Also, in 1981 Wallenberg was granted honorary United States citizenship, becoming the second person in history to be given this honor.

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In spite of some positive overtures to the Wallenberg family delegation in inviting them to Moscow last fall and giving them some of his personal belongings, the Soviet government has clung to the story that Wallenberg died in 1947. Numerous credible sightings of Wallenberg after that time continue to cast doubt on that claim.

Wallenberg has been missing for 45 years. The possibility that he is still alive is strong. Other individuals have come forth alive after even longer captivity. We owe it to this hero to make certain that another year does not pass before we free him and finally let the world know the true story of his fate.

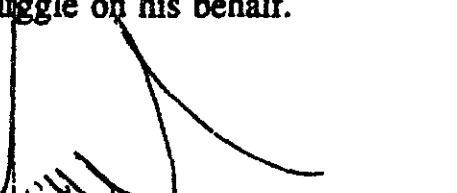
Mr. President, please convey to President Gorbachev your deep concern and the concern of the Congress, the American people, and indeed, the entire world which watches and worries over the fate of this great man. We owe him too large a debt to halt our struggle on his behalf.

Cordially,



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